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July 2022



Mayor Kristie S. Overson

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In my official role as Mayor, I can say with utmost confidence that our beloved city is stronger than ever. It was my great pleasure to make this proclamation at our 26th annual Awards Gala, where we celebrated our city's stars and I delivered Taylorsville's 2022 State of the City address.

In fact, as I described in my address, this

last year was an outstanding one for us. We saw a number of significant projects through to completion, including the beautiful new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center and the connecting outdoor space, Centennial Plaza. While the coronavirus pandemic continued to create challenges, we worked to move forward with vision in five key building block areas of Economic Development; Transportation; Public Safety; Arts, Parks and Recreation; and Community Building.

In the first area of Economic Development, perhaps most significantly, plans have been approved to replace the old Kmart property with a new mixed-use development called Volta. We also marked a game-changing partnership, as Taylorsville became the first city on the west side of the valley to receive Google Fiber's high-speed broadband services.

In the area of Transportation, the freeway-style interchange at 6200 South and Bangerter Highway is now open. Planning is underway next for the 4700 South interchange. Also coming soon is the Mid-Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit line. Additionally, work has begun on the Taylorsville Active Communities Plan to better incorporate bicycles and pedestrians into transportation and recreational planning.

In the area of Public Safety — this was a big one for us this past year: We launched our own Taylorsville City Police Department after a year of planning and transition. What an accomplishment, and I am inspired every day by the good men and women who make up our force.

In the area of Arts, Parks and Recreation: Besides opening the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center and Centennial Plaza, we have been working to improve our neighborhood parks across the city. And lastly, in our final building block area of Community Building, the city celebrated its 25th Birthday with a Birthday Bash for Taylorsville Dayzz, in addition to many other memorable events throughout the year.

You can read my full State of the City address online at www.taylorsvilleut.gov and be sure to read both online and on Page 3 about the amazing employees receiving awards at the gala, held May 19. I am so proud of our Taylorsville community and know that by working together, the state of our city will remain strong well into the future.

-Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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TVPD Wins First Place in Patrol at Statewide K-9 Competition



TVPD's K-9 unit competed in the Utah Peace Officers Association (UPOA) K-9 trials and took first place as top agency in patrol. This is the most prestigious and sought-out award in the trials.

The Taylorsville PD unit also took third place as top agency in narcotics and won several other individual awards.

"We are especially proud of these honors, considering our K-9 unit has only been operating for just shy of a year now — since the formation of TVPD," said Chief Brady Cottam. "The dedication of our K-9 unit is exceptional, and these honors point to that good work."

The Utah Peace Officers Association hosts the annual competition recognizing K-9 units from across the state in areas of patrol, narcotics, explosives, search and rescue and cadaver detection.

This year's trials were held June 1-3 at Juan Diego High School.

"A huge congrats to the TVPD K-9 team!" Mayor Kristie Overson said. "Clearly, the K-9s and their handlers work well together and have formed strong bonds. We are so pleased that UPOA has recognized those efforts and training."

In its report of the trials, Fox 13 News said you might now describe the Taylorsville PD K-9 team "as the top dogs in Utah."

"We're always going for the overall," Sgt. Palmer told Fox 13. "It's the most sought out, prestigious award that is given at these K-9 trials and it just shows that we're well-rounded in every category and have top scores overall so it's very exciting."

K-9 COMPETITION CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

| Emergency911 |
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| Police Department801-840-4000 |
| Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222 |
| Animal Control Shelter801-965-5800 |
| Animal Control After House Dispatch801-840-4000 |
| Building Inspection |
| Chamber West (Chamber of Commerce) |
| Fire Department 801-743-7200 |
| Gang Tip Line |
| Garbage/Recycle/GreenWaste Pick-up |
| (Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling) |
| Granite School District |
| Health Department |
| Highway Conditions (from cell phone)511 |
| Park Reservations |
| Public Works (Salt Lake County) |
| Dominion Energy 800-323-5517 |
| Rocky Mountain Power 888-221-7070 |
| Salt Lake County Recycling/Landfill801-974-6920 |
| Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District801-968-9081 |
| Taylorsville Food Pantry801-815-0003 |
| Taylorsville Senior Center |
| Taylorsville Code Enforcement801-955-2013 |
| Taylorsville Justice Court801-963-0268 |
| Taylorsville Library 801-943-4636 |
| Taylorsville Recreation Center 385-468-1732 |
| Swimming Pool (Memorial Day to Labor Day) 801-967-5006 |
| Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center801-281-0631 |
| UDOT Region 2801-975-4900 |
| Utah Transit Authority (<i>UTA</i>)801-743-3882 |

JOIN US AT THE MID-VALLEY

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER





GET TICKETS AT SaltLakeCountyArts.org





July 11-16
Taylorsville Arts Council
presents:
JOSEPH AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR
DREAMCOAT



July 22-31
Hart Theater Company
presents:
THE WILD PARTY

EVENTS JULY 2022

July 4 – all day — Independence Day.

July 6 & 20 – 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall and online. Watch a live-stream of the meeting on the city's website, www.taylorsvilleut.gov

July 9 – 9 a.m.

The cast of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' will stage a 'crosswalk musical'
@ the intersection of 1485 W. 4800 South.

July 9 – 5 to 11 p.m.

Starry Nights: Movies on the Plaza @ Centennial Plaza. 'Jungle Cruise.' The Salt Lake County Library also will be joining in to make the movie interactive with "applause' and "boo" signs and other activities. The food trucks will be there from 5 to 8:30; the movie starts at 9.

July 11 – 6 p.m.

The Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has invited the Days of '47 Royalty to speak @ the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center. All are welcome to attend.

July 11 to 16 - 7:30 p.m.

See 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' @ the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15, purchased at www.saltlakecountyarts.org

July 12 - 7 p.m. & July 26 - 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

July 16 - 10 a.m.

Float portion of Bike, Run, Float triathlon. @ Millrace Park. Float down the Jordan River, starting at Millrace Park and traveling down to Little Confluence Park.

July 16 - 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Starry Nights @ the Plaza. The Children's Entrepreneur Market, a farmers' market run entirely by kids, is open from 5 to 8 p.m. The food trucks will be there from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

July 25 – all day

Pioneer Day holiday (observed). City Offices are closed.

July 30 – 5 to 11 p.m.

Starry Nights: Movies on the Plaza @ Centennial Plaza. 'Sing 2.' Rock band De Novo also will play, and the food trucks will be there at 5 p.m. Movie starts around 9. Movie and music are free.



COUNCIL CORNER

The Summer Holidays Offer Reason for Reflection, Gratitude

By Council Member Bob Knudsen

Summer brings a period of excitement, seeing a break for children from school, as well as a number of holidays to celebrate. As such, I thought it appropriate to reflect upon holidays and what they mean to me.

Mother's Day helps me consider how blessed I am to have three mothers directly through my family — my late mother, my stepmother, and my mother-in-law, all of whom have played a wonderful part in my life — plus the countless other mothers of friends who have helped to shape who I am.

Memorial Day gives a chance to remember all in my family who have come before me, and to realize that I would not be where I am without them making a number of choices that led them to where they were in their lives.

Father's Day allows the opportunity for me to reflect upon the good men in my life who have shaped me, both my dad and father-in-law, friends' fathers and many others who led me as Scout leaders. All of these good men — friends to me — have helped me consider the kind of person, as well as the type of father to my own boys, that I want to be.

Taylorsville Dayzz is a joyous time for many, celebrating the time when Taylorsville officially became

a city. In 1996, when Taylorsville was incorporated, I was 11 years old, starting in the scouting program and enjoying the summer. I recall there being much celebration that year, as our state was also celebrating its Centennial. At that time, I hardly knew all that was going on behind the scenes to make this a reality, and I simply enjoyed the celebrations taking place.

As I became older, I realized the sacrifices, in terms of time and effort, put in by so many, and I am grateful for all who helped us become "Utah's Centennial City." I am also grateful to be among elected individuals, past and present, who have helped to ensure Taylorsville continues to be one of the best places to live in Utah!

Independence Day holds a dear place in my heart, recognizing the uphill path that the United States' Founding Fathers had before them. The words that start the Declaration of Independence strike a chord in me: "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to..." Those who wrote that declaration knew that it would be hard to separate from Britain and organize a government for the people, ensuring proper representation was in place. I am grateful for all who sacrificed to give us what we have today.

Pioneer Day is celebrated greatly by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as the



LEFT TO RIGHT:
Bob Knudsen (District 5), Curt Cochran (District 2),
Anna Barbieri, Chair (District 3), Meredith Harker,
Vice Chair (District 4) and Ernest Burgess (District 1)

day that those first pioneers entered into the Salt Lake Valley and declared that this was the right place for creating their home. Given the barren desert conditions that exist, it was a challenge for them to make this a livable area. I am grateful we have systems in place so we can live and enjoy one of the most beautiful parts of the world, one that is home to five national parks and 43 state parks. Over the years, I have realized just how many people come from all around the world to see what we have available within a few short hours' drive.

I encourage all to reflect upon things they have been blessed with, to take some time to slow the pace of regular life a bit, and to enjoy what we have.

City 'Stars' Recognized at 26th Annual Awards Gala

The City of Taylorsville celebrated its many stars at its 26th annual City Awards Gala, which recognized employees for their good work over the past year. The gala also incorporated awards presented by the new Taylorsville City Police Department, following its formation a year ago.

"All of our employees are shining stars, and we are so appreciative of all they do to make Taylorsville the best place to be," Mayor Kristie Overson said. "I would stack up our Team Taylorsville against anyone in the state, and I know we would win every time. We have the best of the best right here."

The Awards Gala took place on the evening of May 19 at Centennial Plaza, where Mayor Overson also gave a State of the City address, in which she described the city as strong and purposeful. "From completion of the beautiful new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center to celebrating our 25th Birthday and forming our own police department — 2021 was truly defining for our city," she said.

In all, the following 19 awards were given. See pictures of each recipient and read more about them on the city's website, **www.taylorsvilleut.gov**.





- Milestone Awards Jean Gallegos (25 years); Shell Summers (16 years); Kathy LeMay, Steve Porten and Cindy Haynes (15 years); LeeRoy Arellano, Maribel Cortez, Wayne Harper and Kristy Heineman (10 years); Kathleen Richins, Jeff Gallegos (six years); Laci Mechling, Bruce Holman, Arven Roberts, Jennifer Andrus and Deven Higgins (five years).
- **Unit Citation** Directed Enforcement Unit: Dets. Jensen, Winslow, Hamatake, Andrew, Christensen, O'Gwin and Sqt. Lloyd.
- Shooting Star Building Official Steve Porten.
- **Meritorious Service Award** Dets. Baty, Barrett and Tan, as well as Well as Officers Hunt, Wells, Johnson and Berg for their handling of a specific case.
- **Shining Star** Senior Accountant/Human Resources Director Stephanie Snow.
- Distinguished Service Award Evidence Manager Paula Lozano and Det. Dean.
- Rising Star Facilities Coordinator John Beverly.
- Police Star Officers Hunt and Thomas.
- Honorary Chief's Award Community Outreach Coordinator Jay Ziolkowski.
- North Star GIS Planner Karyn Kerdolff.
- **Chief's Award** Sgt. Carver, TVPD Office Manager Brandy Stephens, Victim's Advocate Merari Lopez and Emergency Dispatcher Maddison Carter.
- Galaxy Award The Taylorsville Justice Court.
- Medal of Honor Officer Cameron.
- Civilian of the Year TVPD Records Manager Donny Gasu.
- Supervisor of the Year Sqt. Cheshire.
- Detective of the Year Det. Hamatake.
- Officer of the Year Officer Gordon.
- Employee of the Year Code Enforcement Director Kathleen Richins.
- Mayor's Choice Award Community Leader Jim Dunnigan.

Getting to Know

Statistics Inform the Work of TVPD's Traffic Enforcement Team

Get to know the new TVPD. Check this space each month for articles highlighting the units and employees that make up the Taylorsville City Police Department.

Traffic is one of TVPD's biggest challenges and it is understandably one of the main concerns of our citizens. Statistics related to traffic volume, crashes, speed, distracted driving, stoplight violations, along with other moving and non-moving violations, are regularly tracked citywide in both residential and major throughways.

Taylorsville City is known for its central location in the heart of Salt Lake County. And as such, the latest traffic data put Taylorsville as having six of the busiest intersections and roadways in the entire state. The only exception being our freeways and SR201. We bet you can guess which roadways we are talking about: Redwood Road, 6200 South, 5400 South, 4700 South, 4100 South, and Bangerter Highway.

- 1. Redwood Road between 6200 South and I-215. 75,189 vehicles a day.
- 2. Redwood Road between I-215 and 5400 South. 67,880 vehicles a day.
- 3. Bangerter Highway between 4700 South and 5400 South. 65,734 vehicles a day.
- 4. Bangerter Highway between 7000 South and 6200 South. 65,646 vehicles a day.
- 5. Bangerter Highway between 6200 South and 5400 South. 61,944 vehicles a day.
- 6. Bangerter Highway between 4100 South and 3500 South. 59,617 vehicles a day.



Given this traffic we see daily, we ask all community members to obey all traffic laws and to be courteous. The traffic issues we face will not be solved without the volunteered compliance of our community members.

To help do our part of improving traffic safety TVPD has two dedicated traffic enforcement officers and one dedicated traffic investigator. We also enlist our patrol officers for additional assistance and partner with the Utah Highway Safety Office. Officers Bang and Carter conduct full-time traffic enforcement throughout the city. Det. Bess assists in these operations while also investigating hit-and-run collisions and acting as a member of our joint crash investigations team. This team investigates fatal injuries that occur in multiple jurisdictions within Salt Lake County.

Officer Bang has more than 18 years of experience in law enforcement. He has worked for the Utah Department of

Corrections and Unified Police Departments. He has experience working in patrol, detectives, and traffic. Officer Carter has significant experience working in patrol along with traffic related enforcement and investigations. Det. Bess has over 19 years of experience in law enforcement. He has worked for the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, Unified Police Department and Herriman Police Department. He has been a major crash investigator since 2008. We are grateful for their work in keeping our community safe.

TVPD Employee of the Month

Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Carver as our latest employee of the month. Sgt. Carver joined TVPD upon its formation. He has moTVPD Employee of the Month: Det. Dean

Congratulations to Det. Dean who is TVPD's latest employee of the month. Det. Dean has more than 15 years of law enforcement experience. Prior to joining TVPD he worked for both the Federal Reserve and West Valley Police departments. He has worked as a special response team task force officer, executive protection officer, patrol officer, crisis intervention



officer, mental health court coordinator, and mental health detective. His hobbies include hanging out with his family, camping, fishing, coaching, drawing, and writing.

Det. Dean investigates cases related to mental health, runaway/ungovernable juveniles and crisis intervention cases. He also maintains TVPD's offender registry as it relates to compliant offenders. This was one task he built from the ground up to ensure offender compliance to the best of TVPD's ability. Det. Dean finds himself attached to essentially every unit within TVPD. Anytime an officer finds themselves trying to help a person going through a mental health crisis, Det. Dean is our go-to lead.

"Detective Dean is always willing to help and defines the word 'teamwork," Chief Cottam said. Thank you, Det. Dean, for being a part of TVPD and Team Taylorsville!

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He says the credit goes to his fellow officers and the hard work they put in with the K-9s — Koda, Cowboy and Turbo — getting them up to speed in a relatively short amount of time.

Sgt. Palmer said there are no losers in these trials; they all enjoy learning from one another. But he also acknowledges it is nice to take home some hardware, Fox 13 reported.

He said the K-9 officer community is extremely tight knit and when a K-9 is injured or killed in the line of duty, it affects all of them deeply.

"That's the best thing about these guys is that they are willing to do anything for us, even lay down their lives," Sgt. Palmer said. "And that's why we love them so much, huh?"





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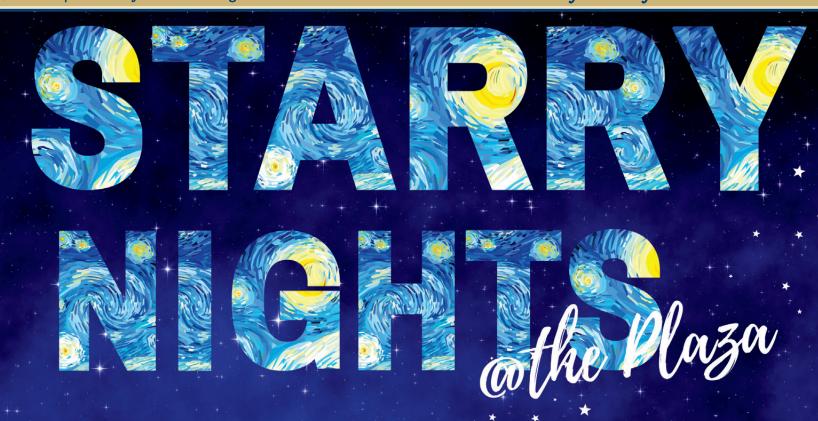








See you next year!



EVERY SATURDAY EVENING THIS SUMMER



AT CENTENNIAL PLAZA

2600 W TAYLORSVILLE BLVD + *



The food trucks will be at Centennial Plaza each Saturday from 5 to 8:30 pm! Plus, see outdoor movies, live music and bands, a farmers' market * run entirely by kids, a Public Safety Night including a 'Touch a Truck' event, and other entertainment on specific nights.

See event details at www.taylorsvilleut.gov

Taylorsville Bennion Heritage REMEMBRANCES



Every once in a while, the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center receives an elegant donation from a family. This month, we were blessed with a gorgeous photo of Catherine Evans Deverall.

She was born in Cheltenham, Clydach, Llanelly, Wales on May 20, 1875, to John Evans and Jane Davies Evans. A beautiful young woman with long brown hair and sky-blue eyes, she fell in love with William Deverall (a blacksmith by trade).

William Deverall traveled to America and settled in Taylorsville, Utah. Catherine joined him a year later, and they were married March 10, 1897. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on Jan 11, 1900.

They built a red brick house at 4600 S. Redwood Road, and William built a blacksmith shop next door. (Walgreens is now standing on this property). William and Catherine raised 10 children in this home. Their posterity have fond memories of their kindness and generosity.

The Deveralls have left a great legacy! Visit the museum to learn more about them and see many other treasures. We're located at 1488 W. 4800 South.





TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

4743 S. Plymouth View Drive

Catch the Latest Happenings at the Senior Center

Lunch is available at the Taylorsville Senior Center for seniors age 60 and over from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$4.

The center has also brought back Drums Alive. It will be hosted every Wednesday at 2 p.m. "This class is a fun way to add physical activity into your day," said Center Program Coordinator Grace Kelly. "We are excited to bring it back and to see everyone there."

Contact the center with any questions. You can also visit the Taylorsville Senior Center's website at www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center for menu and activities information. The Taylorsville Senior Center is located at 4743 S. Plymouth View Drive and can be reached by phone at 801-385-3370.

Don't Miss These Library Events

The Taylorsville Library has planned several programs during the month of July. You'll want to mark your calendar for these events:



ADULT VIRTUAL LECTURE | The World Beneath: Underwater Photography

Monday, July 11, 7 p.m.

Discover the magic of underwater photography and see the beauty beneath the surface with award-winning photographer, Tom St. George.

Register at: thecountylibrary.org/LectureSeries

ADULT VIRTUAL LECTURE | James Moskito: Great White Sharks and the Rescue of a Humpback Whale

Monday, July 18, 7 p.m.

James Moskito of Ocean Safaris will talk about his adventures swimming with the largest animals in the ocean, including the daring rescue of a whale off the Farallon Islands.

Register at: the countylibrary.org/LectureSeries

HOW TO PLAY DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS | Virtual Series

Thursday, July 7, 7 p.m. – D&D 5e for Beginners

Learn the basic rules of the game and what you need to get started.

Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m. - In Depth Character Creation

Learn how to create a character for Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition.

Thursday, July 21, 7 p.m. – How to Dungeon Master

Learn how to run a Dungeons and Dragons 5th edition game as the Dungeon Master.

Thursday, July 28, 7 p.m. - How to Play Online

Learn how to run a Dungeons and Dragons 5th edition game as the Dungeon Master.

Register at: tinyurl.com/yhy6t68y

ALSO, THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DATES:

Monday, July 4 Monday, July 25 Independence Day Pioneer Day – observed





JULY UPDATES

Mattress Recycling with Spring Back Utah

Need to get rid of an old mattress and not sure where to take it? Recycle your mattress with Spring Back Utah, which deconstructs mattresses and box springs for recycling. They are able to divert 90-95% of all the materials (foam, metal, cotton, plastic, cardboard, and wood) from the landfill.

Schedule a mattress pickup and Spring Back Utah will come to you for \$20 a piece. Mattresses can also be dropped off at their Salt Lake City location: 1929 S. 4130 West Suite D, Salt Lake City. For more information on Spring Back Utah's services, visit their website: https://springbackutah.com/

Need help recycling other hard to recycle materials? Check out Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District's Hard to Recycle Materials Guide located on their website (wasatchfrontwaste.org) or give them a call at 385-468-6337.

National Waste and Recycling Worker's Day



On June 16, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District celebrated National Waste and Recycling Workers Day. Every year during the week of June 17, waste and recycling workers are recognized and celebrated. During this special week of celebration, WFWRD joins other organizations to thank the men

and women who work daily to keep our Utah communities clean. Do you know a waste and recycling worker? Give them a special thank you for all of their hard work.

Fireworks Disposal

The summer holidays are here and fireworks and barbeques are common ways to celebrate. WFWRD reminds all residents that fireworks and fire pit/barbeque ashes must be completely cooled before placing them in the garbage can. Smoldering fireworks or embers will melt the can and create a larger fire hazard on waste trucks. Please consult the United Fire Authority for information on fireworks restrictions, dates and times for legal discharge and fire prevention tips.

Trailer Rental Program



As a reminder, WFWRD has a trailer rental service as a means for residents to have their bulk waste and green waste hauled away. A bulk waste trailer is \$175, and a green waste trailer is \$45. There are additional disposal fees for mattresses (\$15 each piece), refrigerators (\$12 each), and tires (\$3 each). Please visit wasatchfrontwaste. org/trailer-rental for more details and to rent a trailer.

Continuous Flow May Be Costing You Money



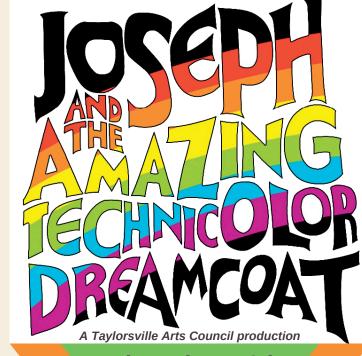


Are either your landscape sprinkler stop-and-waste valve or sprinkler valves leaking? Does your toilet tank continue to fill time after time? Is the kitchen sink doing that drip, drip, drip thing?

If you received a notice in the message box on your bill, it means the water meter has registered a continuous flow of water to your property for more than 15 consecutive days. This may indicate a leak in your system, small or large, that is increasing your usage. Take the time this summer to find and repair any leaks in your plumbing system, which will help you save water and money.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting www.tbid.org. Follow TBID on Facebook and Twitter.



July 11th to 16th

Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center



7:30 pm \$15 Tickets



